

May 23, 2003
1:00 - 2:00 pm
Meeting/conference call
Upper Columbia River site

Participants

EPA

Tom Eaton

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Dave Croxton

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EPA staff:

- discussed ongoing efforts by EPA to pursue a dual path in moving forward, i.e. EPA is continuing to pursue a Superfund Alternative/NPL-equivalent approach with Teck Cominco and, EPA is gathering information necessary to move forward with a listing package in the event that an agreement between EPA and Teck Cominco is not successfully reached
- mentioned the May 2, 2003 letter from David Godlewski of TCAI to EPA and relayed EPA's concern with TCAI's proposal stating that it does not meet the requirements of a Superfund Alternative/NPL-equivalent approach
- mentioned that EPA is preparing a response letter to David Godlewski regarding the TCAI proposal and that Ecology and DOH will receive a copy of the EPA letter
- sought views from Ecology/DOH/AG's representative on the May 2nd letter from TCAI to EPA

Dept of Health:

- would need to look at other species, not just walleye
- no other State data for walleye so would need to sample walleye elsewhere in State
- blood-lead level study would need to be carefully crafted for long term exposures

Dept. of Ecology:

- the proposal described in TCAI letter is inadequate
- lacks an investigation of ecological impacts
- does not provide for "equivalent to TAG" (technical assistance grant)
- does not discuss who would be involved in approval process and oversight
- EPA guidance has elements Ecology is looking for
- tolling agreement is important to Ecology

